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## Route 1 Bridge Connects Eagle Village to Campus

By WILL LYNCH  
Staff Writer

Early in the morning of Jan. 16, workers began assembling the pedestrian bridge that will link the campus to the \$100 million Eagle Village project.

Route 1 between College Avenue and Alvey Drive was closed to traffic from 8 p.m. last Friday night to 5 a.m. on Monday morning, Jan. 18 to allow for construction.

On Saturday afternoon, Jeff Rountree, CEO of the UMW Foundation, took a small group of visitors up to a viewing area to watch the second portion of the bridge be lifted into place.

Among the visitors was Clyde Matthews, president of the College Heights Association.

"I just hope people use it," Matthews said, as he and the other visitors watched the construction.

The entrances to the walkway on both sides will be "all grade and no steps," Rountree said, meaning the bridge will be accessible to students with bicycles as well as handicapped individuals.

Community members will also be able to use the bridge to access the retail stores and restaurants that will be a part of Eagle Village by early September, Rountree said.

The construction of the 90-ton steel bridge, which is under contract to Donley's Construction, lasted longer than expected due to rain on Sunday.

Although the construction kept the Route 1 side of College Avenue closed as well, it did not seem to cause a problem for students.

"I saw that the road would be closed at like eight o'clock at night so I knew it was happening, but I was still able to get to school without any problems when I needed to," Elizabeth Crowe, a sophomore at UMW who lives off-campus, said.

The bridge is scheduled to be open to pedestrians by Labor Day weekend this year.

### Eagle Village Showroom Opens

Just down the street from the bridge, a mock-up apartment of the Eagle Landing University Apartments opened.

Located at the corner of the Park N' Shop next to the Dollar General, the mock-up is an exact model of what every room in Eagle Landing will

look like. The model, which was built for public relations reasons and to generate excitement among the students about Eagle Landing, also served as a training exercise.

Electricians, engineers, contractors and others who will work on the Eagle Landing job site were required to practice on the model apartment. The UMW Foundation monitored and inspected the work every step of the way.

"We wanted to work out all of the kinks, as well as make sure that every aspect was exactly the way we wanted it," Rountree said, as he walked a small number of visitors from the bridge through the model apartment.

The model is completely furnished as the apartments will be and includes all of the appliances as well.

Living rooms will include a couch, two fully upholstered armchairs, a coffee table, an end table and an entertainment center. The kitchens will be equipped with stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops and a breakfast bar with stools.

Bedrooms will have two beds that can be lofted or bunked, dressers, desks, and desk chairs. Each unit has two bedrooms as well as two full bathrooms. Eagle Landing will also be the first student housing building in the country to have Fios capabilities.

The mock-up is fully visible through an outside window, and will be open to student and public tours next weekend.

Other construction developments in Eagle Village are moving along as scheduled, Rountree said, with the recent completion of the 550-car parking deck.

The covered deck is attached to the back of the office building right next to the Eagle Landing Apartments. The lower level of the building is also where several 60-foot bays for restaurant and retail stores have just been built.

The deck will provide assigned parking for the student residents of Eagle Landing as well as parking for the offices, retail customers and restaurant diners.

Rountree said the official ribbon cutting ceremony for Eagle Village is slated to be July 16.



Paul Tindall/Bullet

Above: Crews work to assemble the pedestrian bridge that will connect the main campus to Eagle Village, which is scheduled to open this summer. The construction closed part of Route 1 over the weekend. For a video of the bridge, visit [www.umwbullet.com](http://www.umwbullet.com).

## In Housing Lottery, GPA Now a Factor

By HANNAH MILLER  
Staff Writer

As a result of feedback from students, parents and staff, the housing selection process is undergoing many major changes for the 2010-2011 year.

The changes are designed to save time and reward students with seniority who want to live on campus and maintain good grade point averages (GPAs).

Chris Porter, director of Residence Life, wanted to make the process of housing selection more personal, abandoning the "cat-call feeling" of the Great Hall.

According to the Residence Life Web site, students who have submitted a housing contract are assigned a specific time at Marye House to choose their housing. The selection process should take between 10 and 15 minutes.

"This process will take over the course of three weeks and the posters with the layouts and

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## After Only Eight Months, University Cafe Shuts Its Doors Unexpectedly

By ERIC STEIGLEDER  
Staff Writer

The University Café in downtown Fredericksburg closed its doors on Jan. 4, after only eight months of operation.

Opening in May of 2009, the University Café boasted a diverse menu, a laid back atmosphere, and what then-General Manager David Allen referred to last May in the Bullet as "an exchange of ideas and concepts."

The café hosted numerous live performances, including Jazz nights and open-mic nights. The walls were adorned with painted murals and original multimedia works by members of the UMW and Fredericksburg community.

Yet due to the current economic climate and what former employees characterize as management mistakes at the café, the 409 William Street lot is vacant, at least for now.

According to former General Manager Denise Clancy, the problems began with her predecessor, David Allen.

Clancy said Allen brought in a restaurant consultant in October to go over operations. According to Clancy, the consultant came to the conclusion that the central problem was Allen's management.

Former University Café property and business owner Tommy Mitchell echoed Clancy's sentiment.

"The place was mismanaged from the beginning," Mitchell said. "By the time we had the right manager in, the business had fallen off."

Allen declined to comment. After having worked at the café only a few weeks, Clancy was promoted to the position of General Manager. According to Clancy, the level of prior mismanagement became clear im-

mediately.

"A lot had been pushed to the side," Clancy said. "Most of November was a lot of discovery. There were no systems in place. No food costs, labor control..."

Clancy also expressed her frustration with owner Mitchell's confidentiality in certain business matters.

"It took me almost a month to just get the financial information," Clancy said. "It was like pulling teeth."

Clancy and her team, including two floor managers, a bar manager, a kitchen manager, the restaurant consultant and the wait-staff started making changes.

Management scaled back the menu and hours of operation in an effort to establish a level of consistency. Although the sales weren't as good as they had hoped, Clancy and her team were confident that they were making headway.

However, with the combination of the heavy snow fall and college students leaving over winter break, business decreased markedly in December.

Then on Jan. 4, Mitchell called a meeting of the café's managers. He informed them that, effective immediately, the café would be closed for business, citing "sins of the past" and a steady drop in consumer volume.

Mitchell made the same judgment when he spoke to the Bullet.

"This was not the right time to open the restaurant. Of course the economy plays a big role in this," Mitchell said. "We didn't have enough volume coming through the door. It was just a business decision."

Although he mentioned the economic downturn and lack of business, Mitchell declined to provide the exact amount of money the café was losing.

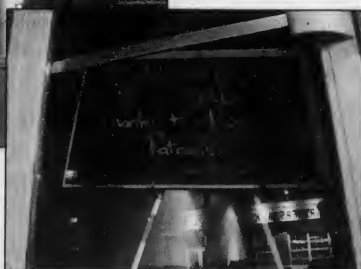
"We were actually putting together a new menu," Clancy said. "I paid \$100 at Kinko's

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Above: The University Café lot has been empty since the restaurant closed on Jan. 4. Right: Management of the downtown restaurant posted this sign in the window to announce the closure to customers.



Anne Elder/Bullet



## BEAT

By BRYNN BOYER  
Staff Writer

**Dec. 1-** UMW police recovered a stolen saxophone valued at \$900 from a local pawn shop. The investigation continues.

**Dec. 5-** UMW police received a report of a hit and run at a pedestrian crossing on Double Drive at the bell tower. The individual continued on to an exam, reporting the incident two hours later. The person did not seek medical treatment.

**Dec. 9-** UMW security at the parking deck reported a car driving recklessly on the fourth level of the deck. Police issued a warning to the driver.

**Jan. 12-** Police responded to an emergency call from the Combs Hall elevator but when they arrived, the phone had been removed from the receiver. There was no emergency.

**Jan. 12-** The same day, police responded to an emergency call from Trinkle Hall, outside room 107. No one reported seeing or hearing any evidence of an emergency.

**Jan. 12-** Police responded to another emergency call, this time from the Tennis Center elevator. When they arrived, a mother said her young child pushed the button and that there was no emergency.

**Jan. 12-** Police responded to a second emergency call from the Tennis Center elevator and, upon arrival, encountered the same mother and child and no emergency.

**Jan. 14-** A parent of a current student contacted the UMW police, stating the student's identity had been stolen and the student's Facebook account had been hacked. The parent and student will file information reports with Fredericksburg and UMW police. The student's hometown police have been notified.

**Jan. 15-** A resident assistant from Jefferson Hall contacted UMW police to report bodily excrement on the front door of one of the rooms. Housekeeping staff cleaned up the area.

**Jan. 15-** Police responded to a report of an intoxicated student at the Eagle's Nest. Upon arrival, the police returned the student to the residence hall where the resident assistant on-

duty completed an administrative referral.

**Jan. 15-** Police responded to a report of an intoxicated student at the UMW Apartments. The student, who is a commuter, was arrested for being drunk in public and taken to Mary Washington Hospital.

**Jan. 16-** A UMW security guard notified police of individuals exiting the pool area of Goolrick Hall after accessing the area without permission. UMW police found six current students and one former student when they arrived. Police gave the former student a warning for trespassing and referred the six current students to the administration.

**Jan. 17-** Fredericksburg police notified UMW police that one UMW student and one other individual were trespassing on the Eagle Village construction site. Both people were arrested for trespassing.

**Jan. 17-** A resident assistant of Mason Hall called police after three people tried to pull out the window air conditioning unit of the RA's room in an attempt to get into the dorm. UMW police found the three students and returned

them to Mason. Residence Life is handling the case.

**Jan. 18-** A resident assistant from Mason Hall reported that the second floor emergency door was damaged. Police found that the frame of the door had been ripped off, making it possible to get into Mason from the outside. Because of the extensive damage, a work order was placed to repair the door. Police told residence life staff that if the door is opened before it is fixed, an alarm will sound and UMW police will respond.

**Jan. 19-** A resident assistant from Russell Hall contacted UMW Police to report a highly intoxicated residential student who had urinated in the hallway and requested police and medical assistance. When police arrived, the student had left the building. As the rescue squad stood by, police made a sweep of the area and found the student on Mortimer Street. Police returned the student to Russell for evaluation by the rescue squad and then turned the student over to residence life staff.

This information was compiled with help from  
Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Community Service Susan Knick.

## Hample Outlines Two-Year Plan

By KATHY FABIE  
Staff Writer

President Judy Hample presented her short-term goals for implementing a \$25 million strategic plan, calling for increased revenue and enrollment among other plans in an address to the University of Mary Washington community last Wednesday.

From her podium on the stage of Dodd Auditorium, Hample sketched out a list of goals she intends to undertake within the next two years.

Hample was quick to caution her audience that these accomplishments would not be the responsibility of just a few people, but would take the efforts of many to be successful.

The UMW Strategic Plan, endorsed by the Board of Visitors this past November, is the result of a 10 month project involving representatives of the entire university community.

The plan's executive summary states that it will "guide our efforts to maintain and advance the academic excellence, outstanding faculty, [and] commitment to our students... that have and will continue to define the university."

Hample began by referencing the budget cuts at the state level that will result in UMW receiving as little as 20 percent of its budget from state funds by 2012. The budget shortfall means UMW and other state institutions will see increased reliance on student tuition and fees along with other revenue sources in the coming academic years.

Hample referred to the state budget outlook as a "depressing situation," and said it influenced her decision to focus objectives in the plan that could be completed within the next two years.

Hample said additional revenue sources for the university could include the internal reallocation of resources where applicable, enrollment growth, multi-year tuition increases and a move toward the increased productivity and efficiency of business processes.

Also, revenue drawn from bond financing, public and private partnerships and private gifts will all be pursued as additional

ways to pay for the enhancements, Hample explained.

Enrollment could be increased "slightly, over time," Hample said, with an increase of about 100 students for the fall 2011 term.

Students listening to the address had mixed feelings. Senior Jonathan Shields said that he thought this year might be a good time to be leaving with so many changes, but "it's also an exciting time with Eagle Village coming in."

"It is hard enough to get into classes you need now so it is hard to see how they can find the money to have more classes and staff," he said.

Hample discussed some of the "obstacles" facing the Strategic Planning Committee. As a result of its new University status beginning in 2004, UMW has additional obligations to expand education programs as well as specific credential requirements for faculty. She said these changes must be in place before the next accreditation review of UMW by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2013.

In looking at which specific areas to include in the short-term goals, Hample emphasized that she applied the same "filter" for selecting the final objectives. Each objective must "contribute to student achievement and success," must "adhere to a standard of excellence established by the university," and must "enhance institutional productivity."

Hample's objectives for the next two years include implementation of the Campus Safety Task Force recommendations due this spring. Other goals include a review of the structure of the University.

This anticipates the formation of a College of Education and a College of Business along with the existing College of Arts and Sciences. These, combined with the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and oversight of an educational facility at Dahlgren may necessitate a university-wide system of governance.

At the request of the Board of Governors, the current curriculum and academic programs of the university will be reviewed for

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### UMW Reaches Out to Haiti

Shortly after Haiti was hit with the disastrous earthquake, many students on the UMW campus began relief efforts to support survivors and rescue organizations in Haiti. French classes held bake sales to support Haitian organization "Hands Together," while ongoing efforts have been made to collect money for the American Red Cross. These efforts began on Tuesday, Jan. 19 and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 24. Students will be available to accept EagleOne dollars from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Nest.

## Student Hangout Fails to Draw Enough Customers

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that morning to make copies of the new menus."

She went on to comment on the nature of Mitchell's decision.

"I think that there were other things going on. Mr. Mitchell was a very private person," Clancy said. "Mr. Mitchell told me in December 'I will not close this place.'"

For the employees, the café's closing came as a complete shock. The suddenness of Mitchell's decision left many employees without any immediate options.

Server Trish Greene, who had worked at the café since it opened, was left without a job.

"I basically tailored my class schedule around the café's hours and there aren't a lot of places that would be that accommodating," Greene said. "We had absolutely no warning that we'd be losing our jobs, so it really caught us off guard."

Floor Manager Joseph Fox, who had worked at the café since May, was critical of Mitchell's decision.

"Closing was too hasty," Fox said. "The owner

wanted an immediate profit, which is impossible. We finally had a great team."

Regardless of the reasons behind Mitchell's decision to close the University Café, many UMW students had grown accustomed to the café as a downtown hangout.

"It was convenient and seemed safe," said senior Megan Thompson, a café regular. "I'm going to miss it."

Junior Kat Hopkins, another regular, saw something deeper in the presence of the University Café in downtown Fredericksburg.

"It was part of Fredericksburg and was accepting of the university students," Hopkins said. "A lot of Fredericksburg likes to pretend that we are not a college town. And it was a place that integrated both residents and students."

For Clancy, her main issue with the café's closing has less to do with monetary concerns, and more with to do with the relationships she made at the restaurant.

"I'm really sad about the café closing," she said. "I'm 37 years old, I have six kids. And I had 30 more kids at the café."

“Mr. Mitchell told me in December, ‘I will not close this place’”

—Denise Clancy

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# Viewpoints

## The U.S. Should Help More Often And Without an Agenda

The U.S. often forgets its claims of benevolent foreign policy until a natural disaster strikes or the media grabs hold of heart-tugging issues.

Too often our government shoves to the bottom of our to-do list this goal of foreign policy: "to create a more secure, democratic and prosperous world for the benefit of the American people and the international community."

We instead focus only on benefiting ourselves at the expense of the world's poorest people.

More than a week after Haiti, we have proved our compassion by sending troops, food and water to help the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. Americans have shown deep concern, as seen through many donations. The government has acted swiftly, allowing Haitians who are here illegally to have temporary protected status.

But the question still remains: why were we not helping the world's poorest countries prior to such events? How do we choose to help some countries while ignoring others that face genocide, oppressive dictatorships or major poverty?

If we are going to learn a lesson from Haiti, it needs to be this. We need to realize that our high status of living and our freedoms are human rights that we should at least try to establish in some small way in the rest of the world.

We should have been aiding Haiti, as well as the poorest countries in other areas of the world,

especially in Africa, far before this disaster. If we simply wait for natural disasters like the tsunami that hit in 2004 or this most recent earthquake in Haiti, we cannot truly help.

Like the media coverage, the help that comes after disasters fades quickly after the spotlight

dims. But the U.S. needs to take a different approach as we set out to help

Haiti. We need to

create lasting plans for how we will help to solidly establish better government, infrastructure and living standards.

This plan needs to extend to the poorest countries. We can help, but for once, we cannot expect anything in return. It will be a thankless job and may not draw us the international media attention we so crave, but it will improve the lives of millions. We will receive very little in return.

It will create a much more united world image and help the U.S. become less of a dominating nation and more of a generous nation. Our negative world image and need for such heightened defense strategies comes directly from our inability to help the world without being repaid.

As the world focuses on Haiti, the U.S. needs to take steps to stabilize the country, but then build a path out of poverty. From there, we need to set aside our own greed and focus our attention to help those countries that need the most.

## Staff Editorial



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## Struggles in Finding An Internship Aren't Necessarily in Vain

"Ms. So and So:

I write to you today because I'm interested in your internship program for next semester."

A version of this sentence begins all the cover letters I've sent out this year. Over the last ten months, I've been immersed in the world of references and relevant experience in order to get an internship.

I began over the spring semester, when I revised and tightened my resume. I learned it was better to "hone interpersonal communication" than to simply "work on projects with other employees," and that employers already knew that keeping minutes was a part of my job duties as Mason Hall Council Secretary.

I applied to a few places for the fall semester, most notably National Public Radio. When you visit their website, the following disclaimer follows the description of the application procedure. Due to the large volume of applications, we are unable to notify applicants who are not selected for internships. Needless to say, other than an automated

response after sending my application, I never heard another word from NPR.

I also applied to an opera company in D.C., and was ecstatic to get an in-person interview with the director of publicity. I didn't land an interview my sophomore year, so this meant that the numerous revisions of my resume had paid off. I felt confident that I was going to be in Foggy Bottom twice

a week next semester, publicizing Puccini and Verdi.

A week after the interview, I didn't get the response I was hoping for. I cried—no, I bawled about as much as the first time I visited Santa. The director of Public Relations and I had gotten along so well during the interview. What happened?

I later learned they found someone willing to work 40 hours a week, compared to the 16 I had offered. I was lucky and found a fall internship at a local radio station, but I was determined to be in D.C. next semester.

I went crazy. I called radio and T.V. stations, performance venues, and newspapers, and ended up applying to a few places, including the same opera company. After being rejected for the third time, I realized it was their loss. For years I thought I was destined to intern this one place, but I now realize things happen for a reason, and from those events come unexpected opportunities.

Mine came from a craft fair in Adams Morgan, where I had hoped to find some posters. I instead left with the idea to apply for an internship with the newspaper sponsoring the fair. I am now getting college credit for helping them market and publicize these kinds of events.

After I met rejection with tears, I followed it with more resumes to places that wanted me. In the end, I ended up where I think I should be. Plus, I'm kind of tired of Puccini and Verdi.

## SINGLE WHITE UNEMPLOYED FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

"God, how I hate the 20th century."



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# Viewpoints

## Stress Alleviation: Tips and Tricks to Try

So you're back at school, back to your old stomping ground, your old friends, and oh, right, stress. Coming back to school means new classes, more studying, more tests and more to fret over. We've all been there. And we're here to help.

Each week this column is going to offer you a male/female perspective on things affecting college students. You've heard enough from your parents and read enough self-help articles and books. But you never seem to hear much from peers. Its mostly people out of the loop who claim to "know" how to deal with the challenges we face. But do they really? After all, they don't have to fret over a Bio exam, a club meeting, practice, a paper to write, three books to read, parents back home and a significant other to worry about.

We're college students just like you, which is to say we're pretty much experts on how to juggle. Sometimes though, we all need an extra little boost here and there, so we are here to give you tried-and-true tips that we use ourselves. Our advice might not help everyone, and we aren't trained professionals, but you don't have much to lose by giving it a shot. This week we will touch on stress management.

**KD:** Do something constructive to keep your mind active. When you take a break from working, don't completely veg out. Deactivating like that can make it a lot harder to get yourself back on track. I play tons of Boggle to keep me engaged. Do Sudoku or play an instrument—anything that engages your mind.

**BAM:** I'm going to disagree slightly with Kat here. While being constructive during a break can be helpful for some, some of you may find you just

plunge. Getting that work out of the way beforehand makes your break all the more rewarding. You'll feel less stressed because of what you've accomplished.

**BAM:** Talk, or write, it out. I vent to my friends and family all the time, and frankly, even if its whiny, just giving someone my lists of grievances and starting a pity party actually makes me feel better. So revel in your misery and then go get some work done.

**KD:** Move your room around. Having a change of scenery, even just inside your room, gives you a new perspective on things, and for whatever reason, has always helped me.

to hold on to and help me find my place. You might find that you work better with a paper clip to bend around or a ring to spin on your finger. Not to sound all "new age", but a lot of times having something to dump all your negative energy into is really relaxing.

**KD:** Don't get too comfy. Whenever I get into pj's and hop into bed with a book, I never seem to get as much done as when I'm at my desk wearing school clothes. Use your resources, like the library, to help you stay focused on studying instead of looking at Facebook when something actually needs to be done.

**BAM:** Take a breather! Get your feet on the floor so you feel anchored, instead of feeling like a lost balloon. Figure out where you are in the world and ask yourself if what you're worrying about is actually a present reality, (are you really failing English?) or if you're just giving yourself an unnecessarily hard time.

Hopefully our list will help you shake all the new semester jitters. Settling back in can be incredibly overwhelming, but remember above all else that you aren't the only one feeling that way. Chances are your roommate or your friend in the back of Chem class is freaking out about it too. Take a minute and try out what we've said here. Modify it as you see fit. Good luck, and have a great semester. We'll be with you the whole way.

### Boy Meets Girl

need to get away from using your head for a while. Playing a video game, or just watching TV—doing anything totally mindless can give your mind a break to recharge, allowing you to be more refreshed and attack your tasks with a relieved head. **KD:** Stay active. Walking around or hitting the gym not only gives you a change of scenery, but the extra exercise will shoot endorphins all around your body, making you feel better. A physical outlet releases your body's tension and can be extremely helpful.

**BAM:** Make a to-do list. For me, there isn't anything much more rewarding than being able to strike something off my list. It also helps all you forgetful types.

**KD:** Give yourself set study and break times. For example, tell yourself you're going to study for 45 minutes and then take a 15-minute break. Scheduling your time this way gives you a bit of an incentive and helps you work on your disci-



By Bryant Matera and Kat Dickinson

Before college, I had to change my room at home around at least once a month. Moving things around your room spices it up a bit and keeps your surroundings, and mind, fresh.

**BAM:** Carry something in your pocket that serves as a sort of lighting rod for stress. I carry a smooth river rock. No matter how hard I squeeze it, I'll never crush it (and if I do I should probably get that checked out). It gives me something solid

## According to Amanda... Fanaticism: From Then to Now

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI

Fanatics of anything have always amused me. On the last day of science fiction literature, we watched a Star Trek fan phenomena documentary. I kept my composure throughout the film, until a male science fiction folksinger wearing fuchsia lipstick sang one of his hits. Laughing aside, it made me reminisce about my own experience flirting with fanaticism.

I was first exposed to Harry Potter in fourth grade. With my head down on a desk, I fell in love with the world of Hogwarts in the sleepy lull that set in after recess while my teacher read to us. It only took one book for Harry Potter to captivate me and I became an avid fan of the series.

Not only did I love the books, but I wanted others to as well. I desperately tried to get my family to join in my enthusiasm. I did succeed after much heckling on my part.

In retrospect, had I not hooked them, I could have saved myself some heated custody battles. Didn't they know that my rereading of the second installment was just as important, if not more, than their reading it for the first time?

In my, and arguably the series' prime, I had read each available installment at least three times. Consequently, I fielded questions about spells,

characters and plot at the dinner table. I found that most casseroles are much more delicious when eaten with a swollen ego.

My interest expanded beyond the scope of the series. I read all available J.K. Rowling biographies and became a self-proclaimed expert. I even pretended to be her for a class project in middle school. The assignment entailed "being" a famous person during a mock interview. My fake British accent was a hit.

Eventually, as new installments slowed, my enthusiasm waned. I still devoured new books as they came out. In fact, when the 7th book released, my then-boyfriend and I had, what we referred to, as "The Great Harry Potter Race of '07."

Still, it wasn't quite the same. My knowledge had become fuzzy and I found myself turning to Wikipedia to remember plot lines I once knew as if they were my own. Much like my love for beanie babies, my love for Harry Potter morphed from an obsession into an appreciation.

I no longer pre-order movie tickets or hoard the books beneath my bed, but I'll admit that my ears perked up when I heard that the Harry Potter Theme Park in Universal Studios Orlando is set to open this Spring. Even now, the prospect of indulging my nostalgia on a rollercoaster called Flight of the Hippogriff is still downright magical.

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## Climate Change a Complex Issue: It's more Than just the Believers Versus the Skeptics

BY MASON RAYNER  
Guest Columnist

Few issues have proven to be as divisive as climate change. Unfortunately, the ideological rancor from both sides has resulted in a debate that has become highly politicized, with a complex and nuanced issue of science and economics being reduced to a simple believer/skeptic dichotomy.

Climate change itself is a scientific issue, while addressing it is an economic issue. Therefore, there are certain economic and scientific facts that should be laid out.

The climate is and always has been changing. Global temperatures have risen and fallen throughout history in a cyclical pattern. These natural cycles have always existed, regardless of human activity, and will continue to occur, regardless of what we do.

However, climatologists are in nearly unanimous agreement that there has been significant anthropogenic warming, or warming that results from human activity, in recent decades.

Although global temperatures have been roughly flat since 1998, that is because the year represented an outlier in terms of temperature—it was one of the highest on record. There has been a clear upward trend in temperatures, particularly in the last half of the 20th century.

The dominant cause of anthropogenic warming is the emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, or carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is an invisible, scentless, and tasteless gas. It's also a greenhouse gas, meaning that it traps

heat in the earth's atmosphere.

The concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 39 percent since the early 19th century, according to data collected by NASA. There is not a perfect correlation between the atmosphere's carbon dioxide intensity and the earth's temperature, but there is a strong one.

A warmer climate can have some positive effects, such as increased agricultural fertility due to longer growing periods. The MIT climatologist Richard Lindzen has noted that much of the evolution of life on earth occurred in periods when the climate was warmer than it is now.

However, there are also many harmful effects, such as rises in sea levels (resulting in increased flooding and increased water scarcity as saltwater mixes with groundwater in coastal areas), increased acidification of the ocean (resulting in the potential extinction of many species) and greater expansion of deadly diseases such as malaria, which flourish in warm climates.

Even worse, there is also the potential for positive feedback loops, in which the occurrence of warming itself leads to more warming. For instance, as the planet warms, the permafrost of the Arctic will melt. As it melts, it will release large amounts of methane and carbon dioxide, which will trap more heat in the atmosphere.

Similarly, a warmer planet will have increased evaporation and decreased condensation, leading to the presence of more water vapor in the air. Water vapor is a greenhouse gas, trapping more heat in the atmosphere.

The result of these positive feedback loops

could be a situation in which temperatures begin to accelerate upward sharply and unexpectedly, with humans powerless to stop it. Picture yourself on a skateboard rushing down a massive hill, accelerating faster and faster with each second. This is the kind of momentum an increase in temperatures could have if a feedback loop starts.

There are plenty of reasons to want to allay temperature increases. But the skeptics do have a point when it comes to the costs of cutting carbon dioxide emissions. Carbon dioxide is deeply intertwined in our lives: when we charge our cell phones and iPods, turn up the air conditioning in the summer and the heat in the winter, drive to meet friends or get a bite to eat, flip on the TV, surf the internet, play Halo 3, wash and dry our clothes, and so on, we use carbon dioxide.

Because of this, simply turning off the lights when you leave a room or taking shorter showers, as some environmentalists are fond of suggesting, will not make any difference.

And while politicians frequently discuss "green jobs," it is undeniable that there is a tradeoff between economic growth and environmental stewardship. We use coal and oil for our energy needs because they are the cheapest and most efficient sources we have.

Wind and solar energy have been showered with billions of dollars of subsidies from the federal government, but still only account for one-sixth of 1 percent of energy production in America. The only way renewable and nuclear energies can be made competitive is to raise the price of oil and coal to punitive levels. How much of our

standards of living are we willing to sacrifice to prevent climate change? \$7 for a gallon of gas? Electricity bills 3 times as high as what they are now?

What's worse, it all might not make a difference anyway. The United Nations Environment Program has predicted that temperatures will rise an enormous 6.3 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, even if all countries meet their most extreme targets for reducing emissions.

If the U.S. reduces emissions by 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050 (putting our per capita emissions at 1870s levels), it could conceivably make no difference, especially if India and China, who are understandably more concerned about lifting their citizens out of poverty than combating climate change, continue to grow at surging rates while using fossil fuels.

Of course, the chance of the U.S. actually cutting emissions by that much is essentially nil, even without mentioning all of the other nations who would have to meet similarly draconian goals.

So we are left with an unpleasant dilemma: either do nothing and deal with the potentially dire consequences of a rapidly warming planet, or undertake a massively costly attempt to avert the warming that has no guarantee of working and significantly lowers our standards of living.

Thus the facts are often painful, which may be why both sides have so frequently avoided them in the climate change debate.

# Entertainment

## Top Five: What to Look Forward To This Decade

By DAVID GALLAGHER  
Staff Writer

1. Graduation: Don't worry if you're a freshman or super-senior, because at some point in the next ten years, chances are fairly good that you will graduate from college. No more issues with Banner or Blackboard, no more indigestion due to taco salads from the Eagles Nest, and you'll never have to put up with your roommate's sleep-touching again. The real world is out there. And compared to college, it will be as easy as a piece of Seaco pie. Besides, getting jobs these days is so easy!

2. The Virtual iPod: Why listen to music or watch movies on your iPod when you can be your iPod. Forget trying to get earbuds to stay in your oversized ears, you're iPod will be built directly into your head. You'll hear music and see movies as they were meant to be enjoyed. At the rate that Apple moves, the virtual iPod should be out in just a few years. Pretty soon, we'll all have a little bit of



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Steve Jobs inside of each of us.

3. The Presidency of Sarah Palin: With any luck, the former Republican nominee for vice president and former governor of Alaska will someday lead our nation farther into the unknown of the 21st century. President Palin is the most prepared and charismatic leader to lead the United States, nay, the world through large scale war, economic turmoil, and probably the return of Christ. She knows her facts and is championed by both Democrats and Republicans. No one will need health care, the word "abortion" will be stricken from the dictionary and people across the globe will sport "Palin Forever" shirts as they ride to work on government issued snow machines. Look forward to a new world order.

4. The Return of the Monocle: The monocle was a staple of high fashion for over one hundred years. From the beginning of the 18th century to somewhere around Winston Churchill, men didn't feel the need to look through two eyes when using just one was almost as good. Sure, a bit of depth perception is lost, but it's hard argue with that crotchety grimace that monocles force you to adopt. Sometime soon, it will be



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back.

5. George Clooney and Halle Berry Continue to Become Better Looking: Ten years from now, George Clooney will be 58. There's no chance he can still look as good as he does now, right? Wrong! He looks better now than he did when he started as the original Dr. McDreamy on ER in 1994. Halle Berry has the same issue. If you think Halle is easy on the eyes now, just give her ten years. Based on history, she should look about 33 percent better, which is mind-blowing.

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## Bullet Points

### Thursday, January 21

Got a big schnoz? Check out Orpheum Film Club's screening of the classic film "Cyrano de Bergerac" (1950) to feel a bit better about your oversized nose. Showing in the Red Room at 7 p.m.

Cheap Seats is showing "Couples Retreat," starring Jason Bateman, Kristen Bell and Vince Vaughn in Lee Hall, Room 11, at 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 22

Chris Morawetz Benefit Concert is taking place at 8 p.m. at the Underground. Music by Wil Spaulding and Jon Hillard. Proceeds go to a scholarship started in memory of Morawetz, who passed away from leukemia in 2008.

Cheapseats will also be showing "Zombieland," starring Jesse Eisenberg and Woody Harrelson, at 7 p.m. in Lee 411. Couples Retreat will be shown again, at 10 p.m.

### Saturday, January 23

Victorian-themed dance sponsored by the UMW Historic Preservation Society at 7 p.m. in Great Hall. Tickets are available outside the Eagles Nest Thursday and Friday from 1 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Old school hip-hop dance party at 9 p.m. in the Underground. Bring a few dollars donation for COAR's (Community Outreach and Resources) spring break trips.

"Couple's Retreat" and "Zombieland" showing in Lee 11 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., respectively.

### Upcoming Albums

Motion City Soundtrack: "My Dinosaur Life," Jan. 19th

Spoon: "Transference," Jan. 19th

Jennifer Lopez: "Love?", Jan. 26th

Los Campesinos!: "Romance is Boring," Jan. 26th

Three 6 Mafia: "Laws of Power," Jan. 26th

### Upcoming Movies

"Book of Eli" (Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman) Jan. 15th

"Extraordinary Measures" (Harrison Ford, Brendon Fraser) Jan. 22nd

"Legion" (Paul Bettany, Dennis Quaid) Jan. 22nd

"Creation" (Paul Bettany, Jennifer Connolly) Jan. 22nd

"When In Rome" (Josh Duhamel, Kristen Bell) Jan. 29th

"Edge of Darkness" (Mel Gibson) Jan. 29th

### Sunday, January 24

• Giant Productions is putting on a concert and serving free BBQ to thank those who participated in the MLK Service Challenge.

### Monday, January 25

• Screening of 2008 film "The Stoning of Soraya M.," starring Shohreh Aghdashloo and James Caviezel. The film is adapted by a book by journalist Freidoune Sahebjam.

### Tuesday, January 26

• Berklee College grad Jesse Ruben plays at the Underground at 7 p.m.  
• Great Lives Lecture Series presents "Thomas Jefferson," by Alan Pell Crawford, author of "Twilight at Monticello." The lecture is free and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium

### Wednesday, January 27

• Dedicated *Bullet* staffers produce an award-winning student newspaper in the basement of Seacobeck Hall.

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# Entertainment



## Off The RECORD

### "Contra" a Sure Hit By Vampire Weekend

By AARON RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

Vampire Weekend's "Contra" is sure to be the feel-good hit of the winter for 2010. Just like

their self-titled debut, Vampire Weekend's new record makes you want to get up and dance, no matter what they're singing about. "Contra" delivers on the promises of their first record and adds polish that the previous effort missed. The band has managed to expand its talent and find more texture in its songs without losing their spontaneous feel.

On first listen, "Contra" is the twin of Vampire Weekend's first record, offering nothing beyond the band's familiar Afro beat-inspired songs about affluent kids from New York. The second and third listen is where you really start to appreciate what the new album has accomplished.

Though the band has

not forgotten its roots in the Upper West Side, it has embraced a deeper range of emotion than the unrelenting peppiness of the first album. "Diplomat's Son," despite its positive beat and infectious vocal hook, is downright melancholy. It's a

weird contrast, considering the song wouldn't be out of place at a party.

"Giving Up the Gun" is a similar song, with self-reflective lyrics attached to an infectious fast-paced pop song.

The only thing I don't like about the record is the same thing I don't like about the band itself: they're four rich white boys from New York. The band members all met in their senior year at Columbia University and before Vampire Weekend took off, held down cushy jobs in the city. If you let that bother you, though, you're missing the point. This is a great pop record.



courtesy of laughingsquid.com

"Contra"  
By: Vampire Weekend  
Release date: 1/11/10

★★★★★

### "Crack the Skye" Crushes You Slowly

By AARON RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

What do Stephen Hawking, quadriplegics and Rasputin have in common? They're all key play-

ers in the concept for Atlanta metal band Mastodon's fourth studio album "Crack the Skye." If we were talking about any other band, that would sound weird, something no one would ever think to sing about. But this is Mastodon. Over-the-top pretentiousness is their thing.

The album follows the trials of a quadriplegic man who learns astral projection. After flying too close to the sun and getting separated from his body, his spirit is summoned to Czarist Russia by Rasputin and his followers. There, he predicts Rasputin's assassination, but gets ignored. Eventually, Rasputin does get murdered and agrees to help our hero back to his body.

"Crack the Skye" follows "Leviathan," Mastodon's first concept album based on Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." Again, weird, and again, it

works. Mastodon's music requires that sort of concept for it to work properly. I admit it's ridiculous, but I don't care.

The songs on "Crack the Skye" are an evolution of Mastodon's well-established riff-based

metal. On this album, the band really took its designation as progressive metal to heart, slowing the pace and lengthening the tracks compared to their previous efforts. This is true stoner metal. Where "Leviathan" bashed in your head, "Crack the Skye" crushes you slowly.

On this album, Mastodon has taken its non-traditional concept metal to its peak so far. Where they go next is anyone's guess. The only thing that's sure is you won't have thought of it first.



courtesy of green-gravy.blogspot.com

"Crack the Skye"  
By: Mastodon  
Release date: 3/24/09

★★★★★

### "Avatar" New Look, Same Old Story

*Cameron's 3D graphics not enough to redeem lackluster plot*

By THOMAS ELLA  
Staff Writer

Maybe I would have liked James Cameron's mega-movie "Avatar" if I hadn't seen Disney's "Pocahontas" fifteen years ago. But I did, so instead I was just bored out of my mind. Sure, the special effects are great and the 3D technology does some amazing things that haven't been done before. But remove the flashy graphics, and you're left with a completely bland, predictable movie.

Normally, at this point in a review, I'd explain the basic premise of the movie to give you an idea of what it's about. With

"Avatar," I don't have to. If you've seen "Pocahontas," "The Last Samurai," "Dances With Wolves," "The New World," or "Fern-

You will never be surprised by "Avatar." You will never wonder what's going to happen next. The only twist in "Avatar" is that there is no twist. I kept waiting for the plot to play with my expectations and take some crazy turn to keep me interested, but it never did. Not every movie needs to be some unpredictable, Shyamalanian mystery, but "Avatar" borders on plagiarism.

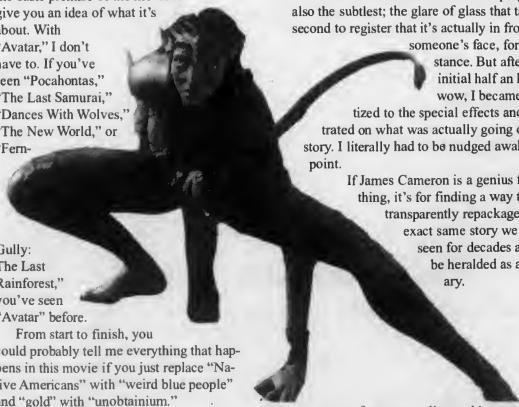
The 3D effects went a long way toward stopping me from walking out of the theater, but mostly because I paid extra for the ticket and felt obligated to stay. For about half an hour, I was pretty amazed with how good everything looked.

The best 3D effects the movie employs are also the subtlest; the glare of glass that takes a second to register that it's actually in front of someone's face, for instance. But after that initial half an hour of wow, I became desensitized to the special effects and concentrated on what was actually going on in the story. I literally had to be nudged awake at one point.

If James Cameron is a genius for finding a way to so transparently repackaging the exact same story we have seen for decades and still be heralded as a visionary.

Gully:  
The Last  
Rainforest,"  
you've seen  
"Avatar" before.

From start to finish, you could probably tell me everything that happens in this movie if you just replace "Native Americans" with "weird blue people" and "gold" with "unobtainium."



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#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Week Schedule

Thursday

The Speeches of Dr. King, The Underground, 12-2 p.m.

Meet Me At Ben's: Dinner inspired by Ben's Chili Bowl, a historic Washington DC restaurant during the civil rights movement. Followed by discussion  
Seacobeck Hall, 4-6 p.m.

Friday

The Speeches of Dr. King  
The Washroom, Woodward Campus Center, 12-2 p.m.

MLK Community Service Challenge  
Three days of students, faculty and staff helping the community through a weekend service project. Challenge goes from Friday to Sunday. Contact James Farmer  
Multicultural Center to register.

Sunday

GIANT Productions Barbeque and Concert  
Woodard Campus Center, 6-8 p.m.



# Features

## *Humorous, Humerus, Humorous*

Jacob Urbanski, adjunct professor of studio art opened his exhibition at the duPont Gallery last week entitled: '*Humorous, Humerus, Humorous.*'



Sadie Hagberg/Bullet

A few of Jacob Urbanski's drawings, which were inspired by different jokes, on display at the duPont Gallery.

By **SADIE HAGBERG**  
Staff Writer

Adjunct art professor Jake Urbanski knew he wanted to do something different for the spring exhibition at UMW's duPont gallery.

His exhibition, *humorous humerus*, opened last Thursday. It is a display of 20 drawings with a common theme.

With an M.F.A. and B.F.A. in pho-

tography, the ink and paper drawings allowed Urbanski to step away from the medium he usually works with. "It is a departure from my normal body of work," Urbanski said of his exhibition.

Each of the 20 drawings, all untitled, are based around an aspect of a joke.

"Some are jokes that I like and some I researched," Urbanski said. Some drawings represent com-

monly known jokes and some are more obscure. And not all of the drawings represent just one joke but can be more than one.

Because the works are untitled, it gives people a chance to interpret each work themselves.

Urbanski's hope for the exhibition was for people to exchange a few jokes and to look at art differently. He wanted people to think of and talk about art beyond the work's physical

nature.

Urbanski said that he wanted his art process to be fun. "I don't like the idea of art being labor," he said.

He chose to do a project of this nature because he felt that it was right at this time.

"With the current social, political, economic situation, it seemed right to work on paper," he said.

After settling on ink and paper as his medium, the idea of the joke came

afterward.

In his artist statement, Urbanski said, "Although specific jokes were used for inspiration, the simplicity and sparsity of the illustrations combined commonly repeated elements in joke telling, offer multiple interpretations as to reference. Please enjoy sharing your interpretations."

The exhibition is open until Jan. 29 in the duPont Gallery.



Courtesy of Jacob Urbanski

*Each drawing in this collection was inspired by a scene, character, or object mentioned in a joke. Although specific jokes were used for inspiration, the simplicity and sparsity of the illustrations combined with commonly repeated elements in joke telling, offer multiple interpretations as to reference. Please enjoy sharing your interpretations.*

*-Jake Urbanski*

## Dining on a Dime

By Kaitlin Mayhew

### Spicy Vegetable Soup

This simple soup is great to warm you up on a cold day, and you can modify the ingredients to include almost any kind of vegetable you may have lying around.

#### Ingredients:

2 cloves garlic (minced)  
1 cup red onion  
2 tbs Olive Oil  
1 can diced tomatoes  
¼ cup chili powder  
1 ½ cup pasta

1 cup frozen corn  
1/2 can black beans

#### Directions:

1. Sauté the garlic and onion in the olive oil in a pot until the onion is white and clear
2. Add the chili powder and stir



Kaitlin Mayhew/Bullet

To complete this soup, grate a little cheddar cheese on top.

3. Add the diced tomatoes, a can of water, the frozen corn, and black beans
4. Add the pasta and boil until the pasta is cooked.
5. Serve.

# Features

## Students Travel to Mexico

By **MEGAN EICHENBERG**  
Staff Writer

While some students will depart College Avenue to return home for spring break, other undergraduates will be en route to Mexico City as part of the UMW faculty-led "Mexico from Capital to Coast" spring break study abroad program.

The program runs Feb. 26 through March 7 and gives students the opportunity to earn two interdisciplinary credits toward their UMW degrees as they travel to historic and cultural sites across regions of Mexico and practice the Spanish language.

The program is led by Assistant Professor of Spanish Jessica Locke, who lived in Mexico City for seven years while she completed her graduate work in Mexican Colonial Literature.

With the help and support of UMW's Office of International Academic Services, Locke was able to develop and run the UMW Mexico study abroad program for the first time in January 2009 and will also run the program again over spring break.

"I wanted to share with my students some of the amazing experiences I had while living in Mexico, and that is how this program was born," Locke said.

During the week-long trip, the group will retrace the history of the Conquest of Tenochtitlan and visit pre-colonial ruins and colonial palaces.

They will also travel points along the "Ruta de Cortés," a route followed by a Spanish conquistador as he journeyed from Veracruz to the capital of the Aztec Empire in what is now Mexico City.

Locke said the scope of the program has been expanded this year to include excursions not only within the central Valley region of Mexico, but also on the Central Gulf Coast.

"One of the great bonuses of this program is that the students earn two UMW credits while engaging in a highly unique cul-

study abroad program will be senior Barbara Ailstock's third UMW study abroad trip.

"I would say that, aside from the fact that the students are awarded two UMW credits for attending the trip, the top reason for going on this study abroad program would have to be the experience," Ailstock said.

to various parts of Mexico City," Ailstock said.

The week long program featured visits to museums and historical sites, including an expedition to the Tlatelolco ruins, which Locke described as one of the most impressive, albeit haunting, museum exhibits she has seen.



Courtesy of International Academic Services

UMW students at Bellas Artes in Mexico City.

tural and educational experience," Locke said. "However, perhaps the most amazing feature of this program is the way in which the small-group dynamic fosters the creation and building of new and long-lasting friendships based on common interests and shared experiences."

The upcoming spring break

"Each trip has a unique dynamic because of the students and faculty that attend it."

Ailstock was among the students who participated in the January 2009 "Monuments, Marvels, and Miracles in Mexico" trip run by Locke.

"The 2009 trip to Mexico City was filled with many interesting excursions and day trips

Tlatelolco is the location of a 1968 demonstration that resulted in the massacre of student protestors by government police and armed forces.

The program also included the opportunity to attend cultural events, including the Folkloric Ballet, which highlighted traditional Mexican dance from different regions and time peri-

ods.

"The ballet itself is very renowned and is a cultural event well worth seeing," Ailstock said. "The cultural insight that it offered to the group made it even more interesting."

To be eligible to study abroad, students must have completed 12 credits at UMW and have declared a major. Many programs require a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Currently, there are 13 UMW Faculty-led programs scheduled for 2010 during the spring, summer and winter breaks.

According to the Office of International Academic Services website, most of the programs last from one week to six weeks.

Prices for the 2010 opportunities range from \$1,466 for the recent week long UMW Honduras study abroad program over winter break to \$4,600 in fees for the month long UMW France study abroad program scheduled for the entire month of July.

International Academic Services also oversees 16 study abroad partner programs with institutions in Australia, England, Spain and 11 other countries around the globe.

Details for some 2011 study abroad programs are already posted on the International Academic Services website.

Locke also has plans for future Mexico study abroad trips.

"I look forward to continuing to develop and to offer this program every year," Locke said. "It is an immensely rewarding and unforgettable experience for everyone involved."

## Alumnus Returns to Tutor Farsi

By **CHRISTINA LAMBERT**  
Staff Writer

Recent UMW graduate Zeke Kassock has gone above and beyond since leaving Mary Washington. Instead of entering the working world, Kassock remains in the Fredericksburg area, returning to campus a few times a week to teach Farsi, an Iranian language, to anyone who wants to learn.

His story goes all the way back to the Spring of 2003. Kassock wanted to do an independent study with former UMW philosophy professor Mehdi Aminrazavi, who was teaching Islam that semester. Kassock was just starting to learn Farsi and Aminrazavi helped him by teaching him a few phrases and encouraging him to study hard to be able to read and speak simple sentences.

With this incentive, Kassock spent four hours each day of his summer with intensive reading and came back in the Fall semester being able to slowly read new texts. Aminrazavi verified that Kassock was prepared after a few quizzes but said that four more students were needed for the Independent Study. Kassock advertised with flyers and even had a table outside the Eagle's Nest. Kassock tutored

one student that September.

"It was interesting teaching her because I was learning the process, sure I made some mistakes but that is the way of becoming a teacher, to see what works and what doesn't," said Kassock.

The following semester Kassock was tutoring four students and was more in control of the teaching process.

"By the second semester teaching, I knew that I found something that I had liked," said Kassock. Since then, he has continued teaching Farsi. He even led a petition for a Farsi class at UMW and was able to gather 100 signatures, but it fell through because UMW didn't have enough money in the budget for a new language. Kassock was able to do the Independent Study, however. He took time outside of class teaching the four other students the alphabet and simple grammar. This was put to practice by Aminrazavi, who used class time to look at children's stories and poems.

Ever since his Independent Study days, teaching Farsi has been a passion for Kassock, even despite the fact that he has been on his own.

"If the college was not going to offer it as a language, I would do it

myself, even if I paid for it out of pocket. I ended up printing lots of handouts over the years, but if that makes for a better education for the people involved then so be it. Where else could you get a Farsi education for free? Now that I graduated in May 2009, I still have the desire to tutor, working on becoming a real teacher," said Kassock.

So far the only people Kassock has tutored have been UMW students, but this January he will be teaching at the Fredericksburg Community Center. The tutoring has benefitted Kassock, who is only just now approaching fluency in the language.

"Farsi is not my native language. Many students appreciate that their teacher is someone who had to go through the exact process that they are going through, and can explain the little tricks into learning things easier. Especially with weird sounds that are really hard for English speakers," said Kassock.

Kassock is willing to tutor anyone who wants to learn. His tutoring style changes to fit the student. Some students start off learning the alphabet and grammar, whereas others just want to speak. Kassock tutors students one-one one, or large study groups

comprised of people with the same skill level.

"I design a syllabus that is appropriate to the individual, as everyone learns differently. Some people are hands on, and can learn with very little English involved. Some need step by step walkthroughs," said Kassock.

Kassock currently tutors in the Simpson Library for three to four hours a week in one hour sessions. Students don't have to sign up at the beginning of the semester to start tutoring—it is possible to start at any time, even late in the semester.

"I've done it before in November and had a lot of success. I'm always ready for the challenge and design a



Courtesy of Zeke Kassock

UMW Alumnus Zeke Kassock teaches Farsi, an Iranian language.

course that is right for them," said Kassock.

Before starting the tutoring, Kassock asks each student their purpose for learning for Farsi, their prior language background, and how far they want to go with the language. From there, Kassock matches his schedule as best he can to his students to start tutoring. Anyone wishing to learn Farsi can contact Zeke Kassock at zekefarsiguy@yahoo.com



## Outside the Fence



By ANNE ELDER  
Staff Writer

### Catastrophic Earthquake Devastates Haiti

Last Tuesday, Jan. 12, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. The center of the quake was approximately 10 miles west of the capital, according to the *Washington Post*. Currently it is estimated that fatalities range from 50,000 to 200,000 people, with an exact number hard to determine so soon after the attack. The violent earthquake that shook the small island in Hispaniola late Tuesday afternoon was the fiercest the country has seen in over 200 years, according to the *New York Times*. Many overseas organizations have been arriving in Haiti since the disaster, including the American Red Cross and reserve military troops, which were activated by President Obama, according to the *New York Times*. Eight days following the quake, there was a 6.0 magnitude aftershock Wednesday, Jan. 20 in the early morning.

### O'Brien Rejects Later Time Slot, Leaves NBC

After seven months hosting NBC's *The Tonight Show*, rumors spread last week about Conan O'Brien leaving NBC over conflicts in time slots between him and fellow late-night host, Jay Leno. NBC began making plans to push *The Tonight Show* to 12:05, and The Jay Leno Show to 11:35. O'Brien was adamantly against the change, stating he thought the changes, "will seriously damage

what I consider to be the greatest franchise in the history of broadcasting," according to the *Los Angeles Times*. According to TMZ.com, O'Brien's contract came to an end once a \$32.5 million settlement was reached between the comedian and the NBC network. Last Monday, O'Brien brought up the situation again in his monologue, saying, "I just wanted to tell all the kids and everyone that you can do whatever you want in life, that is, unless Jay Leno wants to do it too."

### Brown Win Leaves Democrats Seeing Red

In the Massachusetts Senate election Tuesday, Jan. 19, history was made as Republican state Sen. Scott Brown won late Sen. Ted Kennedy's seat in the U.S. Senate race against state Attorney General Martha Coakley (D). According to the *Washington Post*, this win for the GOP is the first in Massachusetts since 1972. Brown's win gives the GOP a 41st seat in the Senate, thus disabling the filibuster-proof majority held by the Democratic Party while Kennedy was in office. This Democratic upset is expected to change the course of the current health care reform bill. As reported by the *New York Times*, "the fate of the health care legislation was highly uncertain as Democratic leaders quickly gathered to plot strategy in the wake of the Republican victory."

### An Apple a Day...

According to the *Washington Post*, on Jan. 27 in San Francisco, Apple, Inc. is planning the unveiling of their latest "creation", the iPad. The newest technology from the Mac creators will be similar to an iPod touch, but will feature a 10" screen and will have the capabilities to run web-browsing, videos, and applications just as the iPod Touch does. Estimated prices are in the range of \$700 and are expected to be produced in mass volume in June of this year.

### New York Times to Charge for Online Edition

The New York Times Company announced yesterday Wednesday, Jan. 20, that beginning in 2011 they will begin charging readers to access their online content. As reported by the *Washington Post*, readers will have the opportunity to view some articles for free, but for unlimited access subscribers will be forced to pay a yearly fee ranging from \$186-\$397, depending on the level of access they desire. The *Washington Post* said the company hoped the change would help in "drawing more revenue online without driving away advertisers that want the biggest possible audience." This announcement comes after a series of declines in revenue due to a decrease of print advertising, and the inability to gain online advertisers in the midst of the recession.

## Porter Responds to Student Comments

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all the information will be available," Porter said. Junior Amanda Gold, President of the Association of Residents Halls (ARH), the student organization that assisted with the changes, thinks the new 10 to 15 minute time slots are an efficient use of time.

"[There is] nothing worse than sitting in a room while everyone else gets called for housing," she said. "Announcements of closed buildings, seeing the group that will get the last room, waiting and clearing her schedule," are the aspects of housing selection she is glad to see gone.

Porter says that updates of housing availability will be posted online throughout the housing selection period.

Junior Alex Zelin likes the idea of a scheduled time that lasts less than 15 minutes. "It will save time and not be as stressful," Zelin said.

The Residence Life Web site explains the new housing selection number generation, which gives credit for academic achievements and preference to those already residing on campus. The number is based on rising class standing, on or off-campus living status, GPA and a new opportunity for committed students to turn in their contract earlier for a better number.

Off-campus students will have a chance to participate in housing selection as well this year. According to Porter, the reason for this change was the opening of 624 beds in Eagle Landing and off-campus students feeling "disenfranchised" in the past.

"We wanted to help out some off-campus students [who] were looking to come back," said Porter.

Zelin does not see a problem with off-campus students coming back because of Eagle Landing and the extra rooms it will provide.

GPA will also be a factor in students' housing selection number this year. According to the Residence Life website, once the GPA is rounded it will be placed in one of five groups: 3.50-4.00, 3.00-3.49, 2.50-2.99, 2.00-2.49 and 2.00 and below; the higher the GPA, the better the lottery number.

Gold supports these changes and thinks the students who work hard should get a better number.

"A lot of my friends work hard or make the dean's list, but they have a worse number than someone who is just sliding by," she said.

Zelin was also in support of these changes. "I like how the number will be based on what you've accomplished at UMW," she said.

The new "Early Eagle Special" featured on the Residence Life website states that students who submit their housing contracts between Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 will get a bonus to improve their chances for a better number.

Porter said the Early Eagle Special was designed as a perk for those committed to living on campus early.

"In the past, it was unfair to those who signed up early and didn't get anything," she said.

This new incentive helps out the Residence Life staff as well.

"Residence Life keeps track of the contracts on a daily basis," Porter said, "In the past, the last three days is when we were overwhelmed with hundreds of contracts."

Zelin likes the new Early Eagle Special.

"In the past, when you only had a week to submit your contract, if you forgot to turn it in before the deadline, you were on the bottom of the list and not guaranteed to live on campus," Zelin said. "But with the Early Eagle Special, you have more time and are guaranteed housing."

Junior Sarah Burton feels that overall the new changes are more efficient and fair but was never bothered with the housing selection process of the past.

"I didn't have any problems with the old housing selection. I ended up alright," Burton said. With all these new changes to the housing selection process, Porter encourages students to not assume what is going on and to really pay attention to the new changes. Her goal is to have no misunderstandings and to be as fair as possible.

Gold encourages students to attend the housing social on Feb. 22, which will feature a show room of a typical Eagle Landing room, as well as floor plans for all the other buildings on campus.

Gold is most excited about the student input and how students today have the chance to make their mark on these changes.

"It's the best time to be a student, administrators are listening," she said.

## BOV's Betty Foster Passes Away at 62

By LINDLEY ESTES  
Staff Writer

University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors member and UMW alumna, Elizabeth "Betty" Ferguson Foster passed away from complications with renal cancer on December 12, 2009.

Foster, who died at her home in Free Union, Va., was 62-years-old.

Governor Mark Warner appointed Foster to her position on the Board of Visitors in 2005. Governor Kaine re-appointed her for a second term last July, when it appeared her cancer was in remission.

Foster's time on the Board of Visitors spanned four presidents. Nanalou Sauder, rector of the Board of Visitors, said that Foster "showed quiet leadership and steadiness especially after the unfortunate departure of Dr. Frawley."

Foster's tenure on the 12-member board was dominated by the search for a new president.

"Betty Foster was very much a part of Mary Washington getting over Frawley," Sauder said.

A graduate of the UMW Class of 1969, Foster had specific interest in the student body. She served as chair of the Student Affairs Committee and was deeply involved with the Centennial Campaign.

Mary Rigsby, professor of English and the Board of Visitors faculty representative described Foster as, "a very caring member who always put the students first."

The Board of Visitors and the Foster family have set up the Elizabeth Ferguson Foster '69 Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Once endowed, this scholarship will be available to students who need financial assistance and display good academics.

Foster received her Bachelor of Science degree from UMW. She went on to work for IBM and was active in the Richmond community where she lived. Foster was a member of the Maymont Foundation Board as well as the Medical College of Virginia Auxiliary. She is survived by her husband Charles Foster and two daughters.

### McDonnell Names Replacement

Last Thursday, Governor Bob McDonnell named Mary Jones Berry as Foster's replacement.

Mary Jones Berry, soon to fill Foster's seat on the Board of Visitors, served on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors from 1984 to 1988. Berry "will be able to bring expertise to our board," said Mary



Courtesy of Marty Morrison

Above: UMW Board of Visitors member Elizabeth "Betty" Ferguson Foster passed away from complications with cancer on Dec. 12, 2009.

Corbin, clerk of the Board of Visitors.

Berry, a professional engineer, paved the way for women in her field. She was the first woman registered as a professional engineer by the Commonwealth of Virginia. She also was the first woman ever selected to the State Board of Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Land Architects.

In 2002, Berry received the distinguished Engineer of the Year award from the District of Columbia Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies.

"You have to have thick skin...It's ok to cuss, but you can never cry," Berry said to the young women of UMW soon to enter the workforce.

Once at UMW, Berry hopes to encourage careers in science and improve relations between UMW and Richmond to develop budget prospects. "I want to do what I can to help," Berry said.

Berry hopes to continue the involvement with the student body that was Foster's top priority. Of interacting with Foster, Mary Corbin said, "You could not know Betty without feeling she was your friend."

## \$25 Million Price Tag For Hample's Future Plans

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content and an eye toward new classes and programs that should be added over the next three to five years. Efforts will be made to increase the diversity of the university in both its student body and faculty and to increase the university's national rankings.

Hample went on to say that she intends to pursue permission to build an additional athletic field which would ensure increased student access to athletic facilities.

The renovation of residence halls will continue and include enhanced "living/learning" spaces.

The audience reacted enthusiastically to Hample's announcement that she will allocate funds to the university's library function.

Assistant Professor of English Colin Rafferty echoed the audience's sentiment, saying he was "pleasantly surprised by [Hample's] support of the library."

Asked about his reaction to the possibility of increased class sizes, Rafferty seemed optimistic that UMW will "continue to be an excellent institution."

Rafferty cited his past experience teaching at a large Midwestern school where an increase in enrollment demonstrated that "schools can bring in large numbers of students and still function well" if the necessary resources are allocated.

Hample stated that, while the University does not have funds for the plan yet, part of the challenge will be to develop funding while proceeding with implementation.



Left: The construction site of the Eagle Landing Apartments, the parking deck and the newly-constructed pedestrian walkway over Route 1.

Paul Tindall/Bullet

Have any ideas, tips or suggestions? E-mail [newsxcrew@gmail.com](mailto:newsxcrew@gmail.com)

# Campus Dining News

## Meet Student Managers Jennifer & Paige Gibbons



Twin sisters Jennifer and Paige Gibbons joined UMW Dining Services last September and so impressed us with their performance and leadership skills that we soon promoted them to Student Manager positions. Jennifer and Paige share similar interests and work experience. As teenagers they worked for a dog grooming kennel, and then later worked for a catering company as servers and cooks. Both Jennifer and Paige are freshmen at UMW majoring in Historic Preservation. Paige hopes to create a new major in archeology and eventually become an archeologist specializing in Egyptian or pre-historic archeology. Jennifer would like to become a curator, archivist or conservationist for a museum. They both enjoy history so much that they joined the recently formed UMW Civil War Re-enactment Club! Jennifer and Paige have proved to be invaluable members of our campus dining team, and we look forward to working with them over the next few years as they complete their studies here at UMW.

### Register **NOW** For The **Chocolate Creations Culinary Class!**

**Sunday, February 7  
1 - 4 PM in the Washington Diner**

Create truffles and many other chocolate confections!  
Class will be taught by  
UMW Dining Executive Chef Fred German.

**Cost:** \$25 for UMW students & staff, \$30 for all others

**Submit Registrations in the Dome Room By February 1.**

Registration forms available in the Dome Room at Seacobeck  
or on line at [www.umwdining.com](http://www.umwdining.com).

### **Chefs' Fare!**

**Wednesday, January 27**

Chefs from five universities will serve dishes representing the seven Wonders of the Medieval World and compete for your votes to be named UMW's Favorite Chef!  
5 - 7 PM at Seacobeck. Cost: regular meal plan "meal", or \$9.65 plus tax.

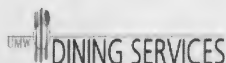
### **Vote For Your Favorite Recipe!**

**Thursday, February 4.**

Dishes from the three UMW student finalists in our Recipe Contest will be served for dinner!  
Come out and enjoy great food and vote for your favorite recipe! 4:30 - 8 PM at Seacobeck.

### **Food For Love Recipe Contest**

Students: Enter your favorite recipe & you could win prizes! The top three entries will be prepared and served at Seacobeck Hall, & students will choose the winner.  
Entries due by January 28. Entry forms available in the Dome Room at Seacobeck, or on our web site ([www.umwdining.com](http://www.umwdining.com))



Campus Dining Web Site: [www.umwdining.com](http://www.umwdining.com)  
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It's not out in the open, but

## GRIEF IS HERE.

1 out of 3 college students experienced the illness or loss of a family member or close friend in the last year. Talk about loss and help your friends in need by starting a National Students of AMF Support Network Chapter at your school.

**TalkAboutLoss.org**



# Sports

## Boxing Club Still Throwing Punches

By JONATHAN WIGGINTON  
Staff Writer

The members of the Boxing Club go about training and boxing discreetly in the dance studio for two hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night. They are there to learn how to box, have fun and enjoy the benefits from a grueling physical routine.

If you're looking for the "best workout" according to Co-President Matt Pares, join the Boxing Club.

"It's the best anaerobic/aerobic combination workout I've ever participated in," Pares said.

A club that many on campus know little about, the Boxing Club was formed in 2005 by Krishna Sinha, class of 2008. At its creation, the boxing club saw a high level of interest immediately, with about 40 members right off the bat. However, that number drastically shrunk down to a core group of about six consistent participants, who came to workouts and practices regularly.

Senior Mike Gionfriddo, one of the early consistent participants and current Co-President, joined the group as a freshman in 2006. Having never boxed before, Gionfriddo, an avid athlete in many other sports, said that boxing is "the most challenging sport I've ever participated in."

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—Senior

Mike Gionfriddo

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No, Muhammad Ali was not a member of the original UMW boxing club. But the rigorous workouts are a great way to stay in shape, and they will have you flying like a butterfly and stinging like a bee before you know it.

anticipated in."

Both Gionfriddo and Pares had never boxed before they came to UMW; now, they are the co-presidents of the club and help train and teach the twenty-odd members how to box. They also were central figures in arranging "UMW Fight Night 2009," last April 17.

The event was held in the Goolrick main gym, and featured six fights, two of which were fights between women. The stands in Goolrick were filled with eager and interested spectators who wanted to enjoy something unique to the Mary Washington campus.

Students who attended felt as though they were at an actual boxing match, not just a makeshift event thrown together in a school gym.

"I was impressed with the setup, in terms of

the ring and the atmosphere when you walked in the doors," senior Phil Smith said.

Pares said the event raised over \$700, most of which paid for the price of the boxing ring. Pares also said a small donation was given to Invisible Children, a group active on the UMW campus which raises awareness about war-affected children in East Africa.

The first fight night was in 2007, headlined by the participation of Shin Fujiyama, founder of Students Helping Honduras, a group founded at UMW to help children in need in Honduras.

"A lot of people were surprised at how well it went," Gionfriddo said about the 2007 event. He went on to commend the turnout and positive response of many students on campus.

The club does put up flyers to spread interest,

but most of the current members learned about it from fellow students.

"It's basically word of mouth," Pares said in regards to how news and awareness about the club travels throughout campus. The biannual club carnival is another way Pares and Gionfriddo hope to raise UMW's interest, setting up an information booth at each event.

If you want to learn how to box, or just want to take part in a great workout, head over to Goolrick. "Everyone is welcome," Gionfriddo said.

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## UMW Scoreboard

Team records since the last issue

**Men's Basketball:** 2-5 (L 71-80 @ Salisbury University, L 64-73 vs. Marymount University, L 86-91 @ St. Mary's College, W 91-80 vs. Gallaudet University, W 86-58 vs. Stevenson University, L 52-64 vs. Kean University, L 69-77 vs. Johns Hopkins University)

**Women's Basketball:** 7-1 (W 72-40 @ Salisbury University, W 65-57 vs. Marymount University, W 63-51 @ St. Mary's College, W 71-54 vs. Randolph-Macon College, W 45-36 vs. Gallaudet University, W 50-27 @ Stevenson University, L 54-56 vs. Wisconsin-Stevens Point, W 67-47 vs. Clarkson University)

## Upcoming Games

**Men's Basketball:** Wednesday, Jan. 27th @ Wesley College

**Women's Basketball:** Wednesday, Jan. 27th @ Wesley College

**Track and Field:** Saturday, Jan. 30th - George Mason Invitational

**Swimming:** Saturday, Jan. 23rd vs. Gettysburg College

## Track and Field Off and Running

By ANDREW KADA  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday, Jan. 16, the University of Mary Washington men's and women's track and field teams laced up their spikes for the University of Maryland Invitational in Gaithersburg, Md.

The meet featured stiff competition from teams such as Christopher Newport University, Lynchburg College, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Maryland and American University.

Although track and field will not compete for CAC titles until the spring, the Mary Washington squads have been training through the recent winter break and into the warmer weather leading up to their official spring season.

The meets that UMW will be competing in this winter include the University of Maryland Invitational. These events allow teams to capitalize on their individual training, experiment in different events, and further team progress.

"The teams were given workouts and training plans over winter break and Saturday's meet was to see where everyone stood in their condition and fitness," Head Coach Stan Soper said. "As an early season meet, I don't expect everyone to be ready and at full strength. Our focus is getting ready for April 17 [2010], the outdoor CAC," added Soper.

In any case, the track saw an assortment of outstanding performances on Saturday. Junior Thrower Matt Gellar placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 52 feet, 1.25 inches, and also finished fifth in the shot put with a toss of 46 feet, 4.75 inches.

Other noteworthy performances came from seniors Mo Yousuf, Matt Cash, Jeremy Burke, Juniors Sarah Dawes, Scott

Matthiessen, Dan Piccolo, sophomore Chris Marino, freshmen Ali McClellan and Michelle Sutherland.

The Eagles will take flight again at their next competition, Jan. 30 at George Mason University.

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*Our focus is getting ready for April 17 [2010], the outdoor CAC.*

—Coach Stan Soper

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Courtesy of Clint Olsen

This spring the UMW track and field team will be without the services of the very talented Justin German. German graduated last spring, and now it will be up to someone new to step up and fill the void left by the talented high jumper.



# Sports

## Women's Basketball Upends No. 5 Saints

By TRICIA ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles basketball team beat the no. 5 team in Division III, Marymount University, 65 to 57 in Saturday's home game.

In response to beating such a high-profile team, freshman forward Erin O'Neill said, "We scouted them very well, so we knew what they liked to do and what we couldn't let them do."

The Eagles came out playing stifling defense, and did not let Marymount do much, especially in the first half. The Saints were held to just six field goals, the first of which wasn't scored until the 10-minute mark of the opening half.

Marymount was further limited to just a 19 percent scoring average, compared to Mary Washington's 46 percent. The great defensive effort of the Eagles was the main reason they led 34 to 15 going into the locker room at half-time.

The Saints opened the second half with an offensive resurgence, going on a run that at one point cut the Eagles' lead to just six. But Mary Washington continuously responded with key baskets to make

sure that Marymount got no closer.

Sophomore guard Katie Wimmer led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points and was later selected as the Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Freshman Carol Dye and sophomore Lauren Kornacki added eight points apiece for UMW.

"I think we played the best we could have played," sophomore guard Jenna McRae said. "They were the No. 5 team in the country. A lot of people predicted us to lose, so we had to prove them wrong."

McRae was certainly vital in the Lady Eagles' upset as she was second on the team in scoring with 12 points. But once again the key was on the defensive side of the ball for UMW and in the rebounding category as well.

The Eagles out-rebounded Marymount 38-25 and Sophomore Claire Brooks led the defensive charge with three blocks and two steals. Mary Washington also made the most of their free throw opportunities, going 15-16



Tricia Elliott/Bullet

The Eagles' stingy defense was a team-effort and served as the main catalyst in the victory over a highly ranked Saints team.

from the charity stripe in the game.

"We played very well," Coach Deena Applebury said. "We had excellent rebounding; we only gave up five offensive boards. There was excellent team defense."

With this win, UMW improves to 11-3 overall, and more importantly, 6-0 in league play to keep them on top of the conference standings. Their next game will be a road match against Wesley College on Jan. 27th.



Tricia Elliott/Bullet

Lauren Kornacki (32) attempts a baseline jumper in last Saturday's victory against No. 5 Marymount. Kornacki finished with eight points and four rebounds in the win.

## Swim Team Continues Dual-Meet Domination

By ERIN COX  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, after close to two months without formal competition, the swim team swept Marymount University during the last home meet of the season. The men won 169-35, and the women won 148-52. The following day, the team traveled to St. Mary's College of Maryland to win their last CAC dual meet.

The men and women are undefeated in dual CAC meets for the 2009-2010 season, making it the 10th year in a row for the men, and the 20th consecutive year for the women.

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*[The seniors] have been the backbone of the leadership. They understand how to succeed as a swimmer on a college team.*

—Sophomore  
Cesare Zannoni

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According to head coach Matt Sellman, both teams are nationally ranked through a voting system developed by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America which is made up of a mix of national Division III coaches. The women are fourth, and the men are 21st, both of which are the "highest the team has ever been," Sellman said.

The meet on Friday was Senior Day, where six graduating seniors were honored for their hard work and dedication to the program.

Justin Anderson, Matt DeMarr, Jason McCormack, Amanda Kautz, and Nina Sawyer have all been with Coach Sellman and the team since their freshman year, and Brandon Eads was a later transfer. According to Sellman, there are 11 rising seniors on the team, and a large expected recruiting class.

According to the younger swimmers, the seniors certainly have had a strong impact on the team.

"[They] have been the backbone of the leadership. They understand how to succeed as a swimmer on a college team and have helped their fellow teammates



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW swim team has been phenomenal this season. The men's squad currently ranks 21st of all Division III teams and the women's side ranks fourth in the nation.

with this knowledge," sophomore Cesare Zannoni said.

Sophomore Colin Hess agreed, "I love [their] company. I'm going to miss their leadership and work ethic that they bring to the table each day," Hess said. "I am sure they all are going to have great success in their lives after college."

In addition, last week freshman Nick Eckhoff and junior Adriana Lesiuk were both named CAC Swimmers of the Week, an honor based on their meet performance during the

previous week. Eckhoff won four events over the weekend while Lesiuk won six events in her own right.

With all the success, Coach Sellman is confident in the "physical preparedness and toughness" of both the men and women to end the season victoriously at the CAC's from Feb. 12 to 14.

"If everything goes the way we want to, we would like to win every event at conferences," Hess said.

Last year the team sent just two swimmers to Nationals, but this year Sellman also has hopes of sending upwards of seven women to Nationals on March 17, as well as a men's relay.

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### Athletes of the Week

Swimmers sweep this week's Athletes of the Week awards. Freshman swimmer Nick Eckhoff won four events for the men in the team's two meets this past weekend. Meanwhile on the women's side, junior swimmer Adriana Lesiuk won six CAC races in the team's two meets this past weekend.



Courtesy of Clint Offen



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